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Okanogan registered nurse suspended on allegations of controlled substances diversion and abuse

OLYMPIA -- The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission has suspended Okanogan County registered nurse Cory R. Riehart (RN60029502) based on allegations of narcotics diversion and abuse of controlled substances.

Charges say Riehart admitted taking controlled substances from at least two facilities where she worked. Charges also say she went to an emergency room appearing impaired and complaining that a needle broke off in her arm while injecting heroin. Riehart is facing charges of third-degree theft in Ferry County in connection with diverting controlled substances. She has also been charged in Okanogan County District Court with driving under the influence of morphine and methamphetamine.

Riehart has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the department's charges. She cannot practice as a registered nurse in Washington until the charges are resolved.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on [Provider Credential Search](#) on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700.

Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by the regulation of nursing practice. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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